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## PRESBYTERIES.

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illness, the chairman of the Foreign Mission Committee and the appointed preacher of the Presbyterian sermon.

The preaching was of a high order, the hospitality of the host pastor, Rev. J. T. Wade, and his people were abounding, and the following was stimulating and helpful.

Clyde Johnson, S. C.

## TRANSYLVANIA.

Transylvania Presbytery met in Stafor, Ky., September 17th, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. Dr. R. L. Telford.

**Moderator:** Ruling Elder J. B. Paxton, of Stanford.

**Received:** Rev. Clyde Sheltman, from the Presbytery of Ouachita.

**Assembly's Overture:** Presbytery voted in favor of the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Form of Government relating to candidates for the ministry.

It was ordered that the Pastoral Letter of the General Assembly (Minutes, page 59) be read in all the churches.

**Prayer Conference:** Presbytery favored the suggestion of prayer conferences to be held in country churches, and recommended that they be held in the churches of Pleasant

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**Vacant Churches:** The Home Mission Committee was instructed to arrange with the ministers of the Presbytery a system of supplies for the vacant churches.

Rev. W. H. Hopper, of Louisville, addressed the Presbytery on the subject of "Financing the Kingdom," after which a conference was held on the subject of the proposed drive for three and a half millions for beneficence. The Presbytery accepted its quota of \$27,000, and Dr. Telford was continued as the manager of the campaign for this Presbytery, the expenses of which will be borne in part by the Home Mission Committee.

**Foreign Missions:** A conference was held in the interest of Foreign Missions, and the goal to be reached was fixed at an offering to this cause from every church of the Presbytery. The Sabbath schools were all urged to observe a Foreign Mission Day before the first of April next.

**Bible Cause:** Rev. Frank Marston addressed the Presbytery in the interest of the American Bible Society, and this important cause was again commended to the liberality of the churches.

**Sabbath Schools:** A conference was held in the interest of Sabbath schools, and Presbytery took action in favor of securing the services of Mr. Thomas B. Talbot for part of his time in this work.

A committee of ruling elders was appointed to confer with the churches which had not increased the salaries of their ministers, with a view to meeting the increased expenses of the times.

Presbytery reminded the churches of the action taken by the last Synod to secure a full representation at all the meetings of Synod.

The spring meeting will be held at Danville.

E. M. Green, S. C.

## CONCORD.

The regular fall session was held in Prospect Church, near Mooresville, N. C., September 17-18. There were present twenty-four ministers and twenty-nine ruling elders. The opening sermon by Rev. E. P. Bradley, the retiring Moderator, was a very appropriate one for the times. The text was "Rest in the Lord." Ps. 37:7.

Organization: Rev. J. M. Clark, D.

D., Moderator, and Rev. F. A. Barnes and Mr. J. P. Watts, temporary clerks.

**Received:** Rev. S. A. Ewart, from the Presbytery of Louisville; Rev. R. O. Lucke, from the Presbytery of Orange. The former will be pastor at Newton, the latter at Bayless Memorial in Concord.

**Ordination:** Licentiate W. A. Nicholson passed a very creditable examination and a commission was appointed to ordain and install him at Unity Church next Sunday (September 22). He will also be installed at Cooleemee and Franklin at an early day.

The Home Mission Committee reported that with one exception all of our churches are either supplied or else arrangements are being made for their being supplied with the preached word.

**Foreign Missions** was emphasized in the report of the chairman, Dr. Grier, and Presbytery heard a very interesting address on our work in Cuba by Rev. J. P. Hall, who was a missionary there for a number of years. Mr. Hall is now supplying Cleveland and Third Creek churches, and expects soon to be installed as pastor.

Presbytery was pleased to hear the encouraging reports from our colleges for women, and special prayer was made for Davidson, in view of the fact that it is now converted practically into an army camp.

The next regular meeting will be held in the First Church, Concord. An adjourned meeting will be held during Synod in Raleigh.

E. D. Brown, S. C.

## BETHEL.

Bethel Presbytery met with the Ebenezer Church, September 17, 1918. There were twenty ministers and thirty-two elders present.

At the request of the retiring Moderator, Rev. Paul H. More, Rev. J. E. Purcell preached the opening sermon from Matt. 1:21.

Rev. F. H. Wardlaw was elected Moderator and Rev. F. W. Gregg assistant clerk.

Rev. L. Ross Lynn, the new president of the Thornwell Orphanage, addressed the Presbytery in the interests of that institution. A fine impression was made, and every one felt that we had the right man in the right place.

Rev. E. E. Gillespie preached the Presbyterial sermon from 1 Cor. 3:11, emphasizing the one foundation, Jesus Christ, and earnestly warning against the tendency and danger in these war times of encouraging men to rest on some other, some man-made, foundation.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Paul H. Moore and Ebenezer Church was dissolved, and Brother Moore was granted a letter to Tuscaloosa Presbytery, where he has accepted work as a teacher in Stillman Institute.

The pastoral relation between Rev. A. A. McLean and Clover and Bowling Green churches was dissolved, and Brother McLean was granted a letter to Concord Presbytery, his having accepted a call to Lenoir Church.

Rev. F. W. Gregg was appointed manager to conduct a campaign during the month of October in the interests of the War Council work, and all the churches were urged to make a contribution to this important work for our soldiers in the camps, having as their goal one dollar a member, as recommended by the War Work Council.

Presbytery continued the \$3,000,000 campaign organization of last year, and appointed Rev. W. B. Arrowood Presbyterial manager, who was instructed to arrange for holding in the bounds of the Presbytery a series of "Stewardship Conferences" (the Presbytery did not like the name of "Automobile Conferences," so changed it), adopting the recommendation of the Assembly's Stewardship Committee.

The Home Mission Conference, held Tuesday evening, considered the special mission and responsibility of the church in relation to the war. This was presented under three divisions: (1) "The gospel the only basis of permanent and world-wide peace"; (2) "Pastors' support in its relation to the war and its bearings on our Home Mission work"; (3) The plans of the Assembly's War Work Council as a Home Mission work.

Rev. D. M. Douglas, president of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, made plain, interesting and instructive address on the work of the



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college, explaining the students' army training corps and the agreement of the college with the United States government.

Dr. George W. Butler, a missionary for thirty-five years in Brazil, made a most interesting and impressive address, setting forth the mighty power